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TAGS: ESTC, COCOM

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE UNAUTHORIZED SALE OF EMBARGOED EQUIPMENT

1. THE USG HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT THE WEST GERMAN FIRM
STEIGERWALD UND CO., LOCATED IN PUCHHEIM NEAR MUNICH, HAS
RECENTLY SOLD EMBARGOED EQUIPMENT TO THE SOVIETS WHICH COULD
SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE THE PERFORMANCE OF SOVIET AIRCRAFT
ENGINES.

2. THE STEIGERWALD FIRM IS REPORTED TO BE A LEADING EXPERT
IN ELECTRON-BEAM DRILLING TECHNIQUES AS THEY ARE APPLIED TO
MANUFACTURE OF ADVANCED FILM- AND EFFUSION-COOLED HIGH-
TEMPERATURE TURBINE BLADES USED IN VERY HIGH PERFORMANCE
AIRCRAFT ENGINES. STEIGERWALD, ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE,
HAS DELIVERED ONE OF THESE DRILLING MACHINES TO A MOSCOW
TRADE OFFICE FOR USE AT AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION. TWO SOVIET

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EXPERTS ALLEGEDLY SPENT TWO WEEKS AT THE PUCHHEIM FACILITY
FOR FAMILIARIZATION WITH THE EQUIPMENT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THE USDEL IS REQUESTED TO BRING THIS
REPORTED TRANSACTION TO THE ATTENTION OF THE GERMAN DEL
AND ASK HIM TO DETERMINE THROUGH HIS SOURCES WHETHER ANY
COCOM VIOLATION HAS OCCURRED. WE VIEW THIS EQUIPMENT AS

BEING EMBARGOED UNDER IL 1080 (K). IN INFORMING THE
GERMAN DEL, PLEASE EMPHASIZE THAT IF THIS INFORMATION IS
CORRECT, WE VIEW THIS AS A VERY SERIOUS MATTER. WE WOULD
APPRECIATE A REVIEW OF THE TRANSACTION, AND IF APPROPRIATE,
A REPORT BY THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT ON THE RESULTS OF ITS
INVESTIGATION. VANCE

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